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This folder contains correspondence and other documents relating to the settlement of the estate of Mary Valinda Miller, who died in October 1912. In addition to Mina Edison and her brothers and sisters, the correspondents include Mina's sister-in-law Louise Igoe Miller and nephew Robert A. Miller, Jr.; Edison's private secretary, Harry F. Miller; and attorneys John G. MacGregor, Jr. and Harvey Musser. Numerous items about the Miller estate can also be found in the general correspondence folders for 1913 and 1914.

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Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Grace A

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CLEVELAND, O. February 7th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

Your letter of the 28th ultimo naming the appraisers whom you would like to have appointed and containing information as to the division of the insurance fund, was duly received.

Mr. Christy will act as an appraiser provided the appraisal can be made prior to the 22nd instant when he expects to leave Akron to be gone some time. Mr. Manton would be glad to serve, but as he is not an owner of real estate is not qualified to act. I hope to be able to secure the consent of Mr. Johnston and Mr. O'Neil or Mr. Cook or Mr. Dodge this evening, and shall in such case notify the Probate Court in the morning so that the appointment may be made and the inventory and appraisal issued. It will be necessary to give five days' notice of the time and place of holding the appraisal, so I am anxious to get the matter under way in order to have it completed before Mr. Christy leaves town.

For the purpose of enabling me to act promptly, will you kindly send me a statement of all of the personal property, so far as you know of what it consists, stating at the same time where this property may be found; also a statement of any liabilities, so far as you know them. There will be no necessity for your coming to Ohio at this time, as the matter can be taken care of by your sister Grace or your brother Ira if he is to be in Akron, and the inventory and appraisal sent on to you for your signature and affidavit. It is important, however, that all of the property be exhibited to the appraisers at this time so that no additional inventory and appraisal may later be required. So far as the household effects are concerned, all of the parties in interest know what this property is, and I think it would be just as well to enter it as a single item of a certain value without separately stating and appraising it.

Trusting that I may hear from you with complete information,

I remain

Yours very truly,

JM

John MacGregor, Jr.

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Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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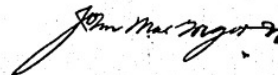
CLEVELAND, O. February 8th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

Messrs. Will Christy, W. A. Johnston and F. M. Cooke will act as appraisers. Application for their appointment must, under the practice of the Probate Court of Summit County, be made in writing, and I shall file the application as your attorney on Monday morning and secure the appointment. I shall at the same time serve and post the necessary notices of the time and place of holding the appraisal.

Yours very truly,



JM

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[F5F03AD], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to John MacGregor, Jr., February 11th, 1913

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

MacGregor, John, Jr

Mentioned

- Diamond Match Co
- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date

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Mr. John Mac Geron Jr.

My dear Mr. Mac Geron.

I think I made clear to you in my last letter that the insurance money was all signed over to the members of the family - Should this appear at all in the estate property? As I understood it my sister Grace will continue with the income from this money to the end of the year. Is that correct?

There are 297 shares \$100 each of Chautauque Hotel stock - There is or was purchased 50 shares of Diamond Match - I do not know whether any has been used or not. My sister Grace has the data about that also some other few matters

about the place and a little stock
that she and my sister Mary
purchased from time to time.
Oak Place is the only other property
that I know of.

My sister Grace can give you
the stocks & receipts that they
have been coming for out them.
I have the Chautauque stock.
Grace is to send me the bills
and I have some here which
should be settled as soon as
possible. Shall I O.K. those
that I know are all right and
send them on to you or have
them drawn up here and paid
directly from me?

Will you also inquire about and
see if there is any possibility of

selling the grounds as a park and
the house as a hospital or
something of that sort. I
want to keep it intact if possible.

Yours sincerely

Maria M. Edison

Oct. 11-1913 -

P.S. Have just received your letter
of Oct. 10th - My sister Grace
has the box and the key and
if you will ask her she will give
it to you. I will write her - It
seems to me that it would
be best for her to keep the key
so that you can have access to it -

I am very much pleased over
the appointment of appraisers.

Yours Truly

Maria M. Edison

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Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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CLEVELAND, O. February 10th, 1913.

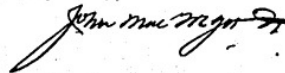
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
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Estate of Mary V. Miller.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

Messrs. Will Christy, W. A. Johnston and F. M. Cooke were appointed appraisers this morning. The appraisal will be made on Monday morning, February 17th, at 10:00 o'clock. I have understood that your mother had a safe deposit box. As you are not to be in Ohio at this time, I suggest that you send me the key together with a letter addressed to the bank authorizing me as your attorney to open the box and examine the contents. This will be necessary for the purpose of appraisal. The examination would be made in the presence of all of the members of the family who are in Akron. Kindly instruct me at the same time as to what arrangement you wish to have made with reference to the key and to future access to the box.

Yours very truly,



JM

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Title

[F5F03AE], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 20th, 1913

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Diamond Match Co
- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

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CLEVELAND, O. February 20th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas E. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

The appraisal was made in Akron on Monday by Messrs. Christy, Johnston and Cooke. The property appraised consists of the following:

B. F. Goodrich Company,	
Preferred, 14 shares, appraised at \$100.00 per share.	
135 shares common, appraised at \$50.00.	
Diamond Match Company,	
21 shares appraised at \$108.00 per share.	
Chautauqua Hotel Company,	
350 shares appraised at \$75.00 per share.	
4 greenhouses,.....	\$1000.00.
Plants, etc., contents of greenhouses,.....	500.00.
Horse,.....	100.00.
Coupe, sleigh, 2-seated carriage, wagon, dump cart,	
and single harness,.....	100.00.
Furniture, etc.,.....	1000.00.
Money in bank,.....	608.59.
Real estate, Oak Place property,.....	32000.00.

The cash in bank represents the difference between the amount on deposit in the savings account as entered in the passbook on July 1st, 1912 and the overdraft in the commercial account shown on October 17th, 1912, which was two days prior to your mother's death.

As real estate can be appraised only on actual view, the five lots in Cleveland were not appraised.

I am holding the inventory and appraisal pending receipt from Wall Bros., of Akron, of a description of the real estate. When this description is received, I shall forward the original inventory and appraisal to you for your signature and affidavit, and shall send you at the same time a copy for your files.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison.

February 20th, 1913.

Your brother Ira stated that the dividend, \$4.00 per share, paid on the Chautauqua Hotel Company's stock, would indicate that the estate has 350 shares. To make certain of this he wrote to Chautauqua and has sent me the reply received. This shows that your mother held, the certificates being issued in the name of M. V. Miller, 6 certificates for 50 shares each, 1 certificate for 47 shares, and 1 certificate for 1 share, and that your brother Ira and sister Mary each hold 1 certificate for 1 share, these two certificates being, according to your brother Ira, the property of the estate. The certificate for one share in the name of M. V. Miller is in the safe deposit box in Akron, and as you state that you hold 297 shares, 300 shares are accounted for. Can you locate the other 50 shares?

The letter referred to also shows that a certificate for one share is outstanding in the name of R. A. Miller and a certificate for 9 shares in the name of Louise I. Miller. Am I correct in assuming that those ten shares do not belong to your mother's estate?

I had the furniture, etc. appraised as a single item without being separately inventoried, in order to save time and expense. I believe, however, that it is desirable that an inventory of this property be made by one or more members of the family, and that after being made, it be passed around and approved by all. This inventory can then be deposited with The First-Second National Bank or elsewhere if desired, and so be available for reference by any interested party. If your sister Grace should continue to occupy the house, it might of course be some time before a distribution of the household property would be made and while all of you know now substantially of what this property consists, some question might in the absence of such a record arise later on.

Will you kindly let me hear from you at your early convenience in reply to my inquiries about the Chautauqua Hotel Company stock.

Yours very truly,

JK

P.S. Your brother Ira inquired as to the agreement under which the insurance fund has been held and also as to the manner in which the fund had been invested. I assumed that there would be no objection to giving him the information and believed it to be advisable to have him acquainted with the facts. Accordingly, I stated to him the facts as furnished me in your recent letter. J.M.

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Title

[F5F03AF], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 24th, 1913

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Grace A

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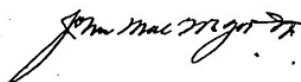
My dear Mrs. Edison,-

In writing to you hastily a few days since, I neglected to state that the stock of The B. F. Goodrich Company, 14 shares Preferred and 135 Common, is held by The Citizens Savings & Trust Company as collateral to a promissory note on which there is a balance in principal of \$3700.00. Interest is due and unpaid on this note from October 1st, 1912. Mr. Nutt, with whom I talked in order to verify my information about the collateral to the note, stated that the Trust Company would like to have the overdue interest paid. This would mean two installments of interest, October 1st, 1912 and January 1st, 1913.

The making of the inventory which I suggested will be a considerable task. It can, however, be made from time to time during the next six weeks or two months as may be found convenient. Your brother Ira suggested that possibly Edward would help Grace in making this inventory.

I have not yet received the description of the Oak Place property from Paul Bros., but hope to do so within a day or two. Meanwhile I hope to hear from you in reply to my inquiries about the Chautauqua Hotel Company's stock. I shall then be in position to forward the inventory to you for your signature.

Yours very truly,



JM

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Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

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- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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CLEVELAND, O. March 10th, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park, Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison,-

I received your letter in reference to the Chautauqua Hotel Company's stock, stating that so far as you are able to ascertain, your mother held but 300 shares. I enclose herewith the letter of J. M. Leslie, Cashier of the Chautauqua Institution, to your brother Ira, dated February 18th, 1913, which indicates that your mother held 350 shares. Of course if you cannot locate the remaining 50 shares, the proper thing to do would be to inventory 300 shares, and if the certificate should subsequently be found, the matter can be corrected in the administration proceedings. Accordingly I shall endeavor to forward to you tomorrow the inventory for your signature and affidavit, and a copy of the same for your files.

The indebtedness of the estate may be paid by you at any time that payment can conveniently be made. You should of course keep a record of all payments made and secure and retain receipted vouchers so that the same may be filed in the Probate Court at the time your account is filed.

The real estate was appraised as acreage property and not as allotment property. No doubt for allotment purposes, it would be worth considerably more money. I saw no objection, however, to its appraisal on this basis and the value thus given it may be helpful in matters of taxation. The property of course is not to be sold except by consent of all parties in interest.

You have in one or two letters referred to the expense of maintaining the home property for one year in such way as to lead me to believe that you consider such expense a proper charge against the estate. A widow is entitled to an allowance to be made to her by the appraisers of the estate for her support for one year, and is also entitled to the use of the homestead, rent free, for a period of one year. These provisions, however, cannot be extended and are not applicable in the case of your sister Grace. I think that it may be proper to pay from the income of the insurance fund, which Mr. Edison is holding, all indebtedness which was contracted by your mother during her life and to relieve her estate to this extent. Your mother made no provision in her will for maintenance of the property and no allowance to Grace for running expenses outside of such income as there may be from the greenhouses. Grace, as tenant for life, or until her marriage, is, under the law, obligated

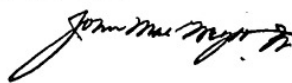
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison.

March 10th, 1913.

to pay all taxes which become a lien after your mother's death, as well as all repairs which may from time to time during her tenure be required. Special assessments, if any should be made, may by statute be apportioned between life tenants and remaindermen according to the benefits received by each, but this does not apply to taxes. Similarly, any actual improvements to the property not ordinary repairs made for the purpose of preserving the property, may be apportioned. Grace of course may find it burdensome to maintain the place, but she wishes, as she stated to me a few days since, to try to keep the place for at least the present year. The use of the property given to her under the will, is something of value, and if it were a life use merely, its value could be definitely ascertained by the mortality tables. It, however, ought not to be a difficult matter to arrive at a value which would be fair to every one interested in case it should become desirable to effect the sale of the property.

I have resigned my position with the Trust Company in order to return to private practice, and expect to leave town on a somewhat extended vacation between the 15th and 20th of the month. I shall be glad to do anything that you wish to advance the administration of the estate as far as possible before leaving town.

Yours very truly,



JM-Enc.

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Akron, Ohio, March 24, 1913.

Appraisal of the Miller Estate.

Land 12.71 acres	\$55,000.00
Large house	15,000.00
Small house	1,000.00
Barn	2,000.00
Greenhouse	2,000.00
	\$75,000.00

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[F5F03AJ], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 18th, 1913

Author

Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A

Date

1913-04-18

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THE MILLER LAND CO.

8 WILCOX BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.
BOTH PHONES 743.

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TAE
-family
-mina

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO,

Apr. 18, 1913

Dear Mina

How are you? I had a man from
Cleveland looking at Oak Place the other day.
He is trying to get the Dr. to start a new
hospital. He is the same one I think you spoke
off. Well, some thing in that line will
happen this summer. He want the
house and all the land in front as far as
the drive, and to the top of the hill on the
north, on to the park, and back to the
Greenhouse on the west, and about twenty-five
feet on the south side, or to Mrs. Engers.
I want him to take all, and then sell
what he don't want. I think I can get
up a plan to take it all, and then
sell to this man Mr. Allport what he wants.
Of course all ^{the rest of us} will have agree to the plan.

What have you done about the Wilds
tell I sent you? He is after me, and is
getting very mean about it.

I can't hardly go into the house, but what I
long for Mother. It is hard, but I told
Grace I would stay with her this summer.
She can't keep up the house, but she thinks
she can. I am getting busy with my
Market Street place, and hope to sell
it all off this summer.

Give my love to all, and keep a lot for
yourself. I wish I could just leave home
today.

Write soon.

Love
Lewis

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Title

[F5F03AK], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 24th, 1913

Author

Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

Davey Tree Expert Co

Date

1913-04-24

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
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8 WILCOX BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.
BOTH PHONES 743.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, Apr. 24, 1913

Dear Mina,
I enclose the bill from the
Dairy Inc report Co. I saw them yesterday
and they would like their money now, but I
told them I guess they could have it in
about thirty or sixty days from now.

Please see that this is paid also the
Wildes bill.

We are having fine weather just now.
The Doctors have had a meeting, and have
started to get up a company for the
Hospital. I am watching it, and will try
and have them take all of our place.

I wish I were out there. I can't stay in Akron.

Love to all,

Love,
Lewis

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[F5F03AL], Letter from Harry Frederick Miller to Mary Emily Miller, September 9th, 1913

Title

[F5F03AL], Letter from Harry Frederick Miller to Mary Emily Miller, September 9th, 1913

Author

Miller, Harry Frederick

Recipient

Miller, Mary Emily

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

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Subject

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Llewellyn Park

West Orange, New Jersey.

Sept. 9, 1913.

Mrs. Mary Miller Nichols,
42 Circle Road,
Scarsdale, New York.

Dear Mrs. Nichols:-

Mrs. Edison has requested me to write you regarding the B. F. Goodrich Company common and preferred stock which is now held as collateral for a loan of \$3700.00 by the Citizens Savings and Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. The loan was made by Mrs. Miller, and the stock is part of her estate.

It is Mrs. Edison's opinion that it would be unwise to sell sufficient shares to liquidate the loan just at this time, while the market for securities is depressed and thinks it would be better to wait until conditions improve.

She wants you to know the situation regarding the stock and would like to receive from you a letter approving her action in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Dear sister,

H. M. Miller
Secretary.

I quite readily approve of holding the stock until conditions improve -

Scarsdale N. Y.
Sept. 13 - 1913.

Truly yours -
Mary E. Miller Nichols

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Title

[F5F03AM], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 13th, 1913

Author

Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

1913-09-13

Type

Letter

Subject

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- Property
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Title

[F5F03AN], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 13th, 1913

Author

Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Miller, Harry Frederick
- Miller, Grace A

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Property
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BOTH PHONES 743.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

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1913

TAE
-family
-Miller, Lewis

AKRON, OHIO, Sept. 13, 1913.

Mrs. A. Edison,

Dear Mina;

I received a letter from Mr. Miller about the Goodrich stock. I don't believe there is any harm in your keeping it the way it is at the present. I think it will be worth more in six or eight months from now than it is at the present time. As far as I am concerned I will give my consent to hold the stock and wait for the advance in price before disposing of it.

Very respectfully yours,

Lewis A. Miller

P.S. Dear Mina. Gracie got home this afternoon. She came well. Hope you and all are well. With love
Lewis

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[F5F03AO], Letter from Goodrich (B.F.) Co, Charles Beebe Raymond to Harry Frederick Miller, September 19th, 1913

Title

[F5F03AO], Letter from Goodrich (B.F.) Co, Charles Beebe Raymond to Harry Frederick Miller, September 19th, 1913

Author

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Raymond, Charles Beebe

Recipient

Miller, Harry Frederick

Mentioned

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date

1913-09-19

Type

Letter

Subject

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THE B.F. GOODRICH COMPANY,



AKRON, OHIO.

September 19, 1913.

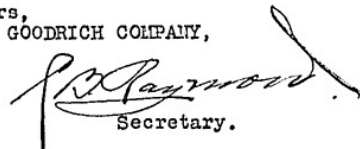
Mr. H.F. Miller,
Orange, N.J.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 18th at hand, and in reply we beg to say that the stock of Mary V. Miller shared in all the benefits of the consolidation of this Company with The Diamond Rubber Company and that all cash bonuses and additional shares which were due her were turned over at the time of the consolidation and there is nothing further that should come to her on her holdings.

Please let us know if there is any other particular information that you want. Each stockholder, at the time of the consolidation, received letters explaining the whole matter, and the shares were transferred and bonuses paid at that time and the transaction closed; so that any shares now held in the Estate of Mary V. Miller are the result of the consolidation and the payment made to the stockholders at that time.

Very truly yours,
THE B.F. GOODRICH COMPANY,


Secretary.

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[F5F03AP], Letter from Harry Frederick Miller to Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller, November 22nd, 1913

Title

[F5F03AP], Letter from Harry Frederick Miller to Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller, November 22nd, 1913

Author

Miller, Harry Frederick

Recipient

Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- Property
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Orange, New Jersey,
Nov. 22, 1913.

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Mrs. Robert A. Miller,
17 West 45th Street,
New York City.

Dear Madame:-

There is a note of Mary V. Miller for \$3700.00 held by the Citizens Savings and Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, against which there is held as collateral one hundred and thirty-five shares of Common and fourteen shares of Preferred Stock of the B. F. Goodrich Company. The market value of the collateral is not sufficient to satisfy the bank, and as its value is diminishing, they demand \$1500.00 paid on account of the note, immediately. Under the circumstances, it seems best to Mrs. Edison to sell the Goodrich stock at the market price, before it declines further, and pay the note; otherwise, she will have to sell other securities to raise the \$1500.00 cash they are asking for. To enable her to do so, she is enclosing herewith a consent which please sign and return to her immediately.

Yours very truly,

H. F. Miller
SECRETARY.

P.S. Please have the children sign too.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

November 1913.

I consent to have Mina M. Edison sell
at the market price one hundred and thirty-five
shares of Common and fourteen shares of Preferred
Stock of the B. F. Goodrich Company, now up
as collateral with the Citizens Savings and
Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for a loan of
\$3700.00.

Louise Igra Miller
Robert A. Miller Jr
Rachel Alice Miller

Witness

Louis Miller by Louise I. Miller
Guardian -

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

November 1913.

I consent to have Mina M. Edison sell
at the market price one hundred and thirty-five
shares of Common and fourteen shares of Preferred
Stock of the E. F. Goodrich Company, now up
as collateral with the Citizens Savings and
Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for a loan of
\$3700.00.

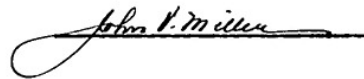
Lewis A. Miller

*I think you could sell the
Simon's mach stock better. But you
know what you want to do.*
Witness
L.A.M.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

November 29 1913.

I consent to have Mina M. Edison sell
at the market price one hundred and thirty-five
shares of Common and fourteen shares of Preferred
Stock of the B. F. Goodrich Company, now up
as collateral with the Citizens Savings and
Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for a loan of
\$3700.00.



Witness



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Title

[F5F03AQ], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to
Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November
26th, 1913

Author

Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Diamond Match Co
- Raymond, Charles Beebe
- Miller, Harry Frederick
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date

1913-11-26

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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Dear Mina:

Almon © Nov 26/13

Answering Mr. H. F. Millers
letter of Nov 22 I wish to say that in
a little conference with Mary, Grace & Ed,
we all agreed that it might be well to
try and carry the Goodrich stock until after
the first of the new year. We inquired of
Will means Treas & his Raymond Sec regard-
ing the General Condition of the Company at
this time and they both report that the lia-
bilities of the Company have been reduced
\$2,500,000 since statement of a year ago.
Gross business not quite so large as year
ago, but all profitable. They will pay regular
7% dividend on pref'd stock and also write
off some Pref'd stock which the Company
have purchased during the year. Money
will be more plentiful and cheaper after
Jan 1st thus making an easier market for
the stock which I would say is intrin-
sically worth \$100.00 per share for Pfd and
\$30 to \$40 per share (speculatively) for Common.
If the Citizens Bank will not carry the stock
with Coll they now have, use the Diamond
Match for additional collateral and lets see
what may develop for the Goodrich stock
after Jan 1st when new statement will be
published. So bad to give up just now
when every thing seems to be at the lowest.

To Mrs J. A. Edson

Yours Truly
H. F. Miller

[ON BACK OF PREVIOUS DOCUMENT]

November 1913.

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at the market price one hundred and thirty-five
shares of Common and fourteen shares of Preferred
Stock of the B. F. Goodrich Company, now up
as collateral with the Citizens Savings and
Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for a loan of
\$3700.00.

Witness



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Title

[F5F03AR], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 1913

Editor's Notes

Supplied year and month

Author

Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Diamond Match Co
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Nichols, William Wallace

Date

1913-11-00

Type

Letter

Subject

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to come after Grace returns in
February. You know she is
planning to visit you and then
after 23rd of December and is
going to stay just five weeks or
thereabouts - if every thing goes all
right here - I hope it will.
Don't you think it would be better
to come when it's not quite so
rushed a season? I don't want
to stop your visit with Grace - but
it would be nice to be here together.
Will said you would have come
if you had known I was coming.
It was so sudden, my coming, that
I didn't realize that I was really

(2)

Darling Mine:

Your telegram arrived
O.K. - I don't know what to answer.
for I am afraid Will will find
the time very long and get too
lonely - then too we want to get
settled and I was coming and
I have nothing much ready - If
you were here now it might be
well to stay a week together
but since it would mean two
weeks for me I guess, unless
you get Will to say for me to stay
I better say I can't. Let us plan

(2)

here. I surprised all - my body -

We have had a lovely day with Ida & Cora -
My had the dinner & tea - and was on
my going home & I'll mail this on the
way home.

We had a family confab on the Citizens
Savings & Trust Co. matter and agreed together
that it would be better to put Diamond
Mach up as collateral for the loan until
at least after Christmas - Mr. telephone Mr.
Metc of the C. S. & Loan Co. - and he said he
would accept it. It seems that people think
prices will be better after the New year -

You have my consent to do what you think best.
The boys were very nice and we had a
nice little visit together. Ed stayed for
luncheon and came again in the evening
for dinner. E. C. W. was there too. Grace had
a nice little dinner for us - we played cards
in the evening. Mr. G. & I. have kept dreadful
hours since I am here - we talk & talk late
late every night - I am dropping with sleep
this afternoon resulting from midnight talks
I miss hearing from you Mina dear - why don't
you write me? or telephone when in town? don't
you love me any more at all - I love you always
did you know that and I like to feel that you
love & want me just a wee bit! - Love to you all and thank
you for taking care of my Will - Mary

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Author

Miller, Grace A

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Diamond Match Co
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date

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Subject

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Mina dear - My fountain
pen has walked off, so I am
going to write you in pencil -
we have been helping Mary with
her books & I imagine it was
left up stairs. I want to write you
in regard to the stock - we had quite
a family meeting as a result
of your notes to Sarah & all seemed
agreed that it was ~~not~~ worth
while to wait to see if Godrich
Common would not right itself
~~to~~ the extent of eight or ten
points by January and thus
clear the note. We calculated
the amount and selling at
17 for com. & 81 for Preferred
there would remain 500 or
300 I think it was still to
pay - Each point up or down
with common means \$1.35 and
every one seems to think

15 is about as low as it will go so if we can hold on a little longer it would at least clean itself - Mr. telephoned Mr. Nutt in Cleveland before we agreed about it to see if he would accept the Diamond match (21 shares) as sufficient increase in collateral. He replied favorably - I will try to see him & see if we have to give it all - It certainly is too bad - Mr. telephoned direct to Mr. Will Means - Treasurer of Goodrich - brother of Walter - and he said the gross earnings were more than last year & the debt was reduced 2 millions - I understand the debt is 30 millions - The only unfavorable response was that the debt two months had fallen off a little. If we were figuring on

buying me might not agree to
venture but already holding it
seems to bode to sacrifice at
what nearly all feel is about the
lowest ebb -

I was disappointed that you did
not come with Mary. We have
had a pleasant time together
but it has opened the old wounds
made by the losses of the darlings
that have gone - About day
before yesterday I began to feel
lonely - whether at the prospect of
Mary's & Grace's going or whether
it was on general principles
I do not know. But tonight
as I heard the wagons rumbling
away with the big expressboxes
it seemed like the rumbling of
something as dreadful as the noise
of the carts to guillotine or something
funereal - Oh! Minnie dear, what
a strange world this is!

I keep missing your good
letters but know you are
busy, busy!

Much much love to each - T.
with a good night kiss -

Your sister - Grace.

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Title

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Harry Frederick Miller, December 1st, 1913

Author

Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient

Miller, Harry Frederick

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Diamond Match Co
- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1913-12-01

Type

Letter

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IRA. M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

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Dec 1, 1913

M. H. Miller
Orange N.J.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter 29th
can only say that I do not change
my mind from what I said in
former letter. It is too big sacrifice
to sell the Goodrich stock at present
market prices. I agree with Mr. Edison
that it is speculative as to how high
the common stock may go again but
the Pfd no question about its being
worth par or more. Real Estate will
not sell quickly now, money so hard to get.
When Mother Miller put her stock into the
Diamond Goodrich combined she should
have sold 5000 pfd stock \$13500. Common \$
\$1444.00. Ask. Now what has become of the
5000 pfd stock? Ask I understand want to
pay some of Mother's debts. The Estate has sold
the dividends from the Chautauque Hotel \$100.00

IRA. M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

what has become of all this cash. Not
knowing these facts I am come out
in the day to know how to advise
Mother ^{the estate} seems to have had some 25,300
dollars worth of Bonds \$5000 Goodrich & Co
Stock and some \$4 to 5000 dollars Cash but
now how she could have so many debts
that the above would not pay same
I do not understand

Wish I could be of better service to
you. Courage to hold on is what we
need now.

Yours Very Truly
Ira M. Miller

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[F5F03AU], Letter from Edward Burkett Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 1st, 1913

Title

[F5F03AU], Letter from Edward Burkett Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 1st, 1913

Author

Miller, Edward Burkett

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

1913-12-01

Type

Letter

Subject

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- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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EDWARD B. MILLER,
AKRON, O.

Dear Mina -

Dec 1/1913

Your special delivery letter received & I feel
that I cannot answer it intelligently as I would like
to be better, and that you should come on to Akron so
that we could figure the matter out & learn what has
become of all the money you should have or should have
had to clean up that matter long ago. As it is
I will not give you my opinion until I know the
facts of the case. There is one thing, ^{however} I shall not
stand for selling any real estate to fix up their matters
that should have been fixed or paid before you distributed
those bonds last spring. ^{and that's} There is where you
should get the money now to pay this note in
question -

Sincerely
Edward -

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Title

[F5F03AV], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison,
December 2nd, 1913

Author

Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Diamond Match Co
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1913-12-02

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Property
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER

ROBERT A. MILLER, JR.

ROBERT A. MILLER

DRAWN WORK
EMBROIDERY

MANUFACTURER
PORTO RICAN NEEDLE WORK
17 WEST 45TH STREET

SALES ROOMS
29 COMERCIO STREET
PONCE, P. R.
21 ALLEN STREET
SAN JUAN, P. R.

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 2-13-

My Dear Nina

Pardon the delay in answering your letter in regard to the stock. The official delivery wasn't delivered until yesterday - And I had my hands to fill with the Bishop, to do anything else. Mr. had decided after the talk of Nov. 27th to advance the 200. But that doesn't seem to meet with approval. And Mary says in Rhine they agreed the best thing was to put up the Diamond Watch Co. stock. It really looks as though, it were six of one and 1/2 doz. of the other. Mr. Robert Jr. Rachel & I are willing to do whatever you all decide is best -

I know the decision must be made soon & hope you can have an ultimate decision right away - Mary says some of them feel they haven't the 200 to advance - so I suppose that is settled - and brings it down to the selling of the stock or putting up the Diamond Watch Co. stock. They seem to feel not then - that the first of the year it will go up - If it goes down much lower it will be wiped out - I think Mr. Edison's judgment is certainly worth relying upon.

But I suppose whatever the consensus of opinion is - will have to settle it - I wish I could be of some real help - But I hear you will do whatever seems for the best - The Bishop left to-day - I think he was very pleased with his entire visit. You certainly added to his happiness. Mrs. Douglas Robinson was just in to buy another luncheon set - or rather to show it out on approval. Miss Beebe is to go Friday to take charge of the sale at Mrs. Stone's friends.

Louis

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Title

[F5F03AW], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 11th, 1913

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A

Date

1913-12-11

Type

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TAE
- family
- Miller, Mary
V.

New York, December 11, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange,
New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

My suggestion as to the method of handling the Akron real estate which it appears that the majority at least of the owners - the devisees under your mother's will - do not wish to attempt to divide, is that a conveyance of the property be made to one of the Akron banks which has a Trust Department, and that a separate memorandum of trust be drawn explicitly defining the terms of the trust. The title under the will is a vested estate, subject only to the interest that your sister Grace has in a part of the property during her life or until her prior marriage, and may therefore be dealt with at this time; whereas in the event of the death of any of the devisees, other interests might attach with which it might not be possible to deal promptly. The advantage of passing the title to a banking corporation whose existence is continuous, and which has a Trust Department which is in position to handle such a matter in all its details carefully and economically, is obvious. The conveyance once properly made, the devisees would not be called upon to execute any further deeds, thereby avoiding the annoyance and delay which frequently attend the execution of papers which are to be signed by a number of persons. The bank would execute and deliver a deed for each piece of property that is sold, and would receive the purchase money and distribute it among those entitled according to the contract. The

actual selling could be entrusted to the bank or to some agent or agents named by the devisees, and the contract might provide for designating different or additional agents from time to time on notice to the bank from a certain number or majority of the devisees. A copy of the plat showing the allotment and a schedule of prices should be attached to the contract and identified as exhibits. The contract should also provide a means of changing this schedule from time to time, as it may take some years possibly to dispose of all of the property and meanwhile it may be found that the schedule of prices is too low or too high. In all such cases it seems to me wise to avoid providing for consent of all parties in interest, because of the number and because they are or may be at any given time scattered and so be difficult to reach. This might safely be left to a committee, with provision for replacing any member who might die or resign or to a certain number or majority.

Your sister Grace, in joining in the conveyance to the bank, should do so under a recital expressly reserving the special interest which she holds. The contract ought to provide among other things that the bank should pay the taxes and look after the property generally and the distribution of the proceeds of sale would have to be made at certain stated periods instead of immediately following each sale, so that the bank might at all times have on hand an amount sufficient to enable it to meet the charges which it was required to pay. This will be sufficient perhaps to indicate in a general way my idea on the subject. The contract, of course, would have to be very carefully worked out in order to meet the views of the various parties in interest and to provide for all contingencies so far as they may be foreseen. I see no reason, however, that ~~the contract may not be~~ that all parties

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cannot come to a thorough agreement on the matter at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Mac Meyer Jr.

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Title

[F5F03AX], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 11th, 1913

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date

1913-12-11

Type

Letter

Subject

- Property
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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New York, December 11, 1913.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange,
New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

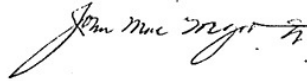
Confirming my recent verbal advice to you, I write to say that corporate stocks may be sold by an executor when sale is necessary in order to pay debts of the Estate, but not otherwise; that in order for you to effect sale of any of the corporate stocks belonging to your mother's estate, it will be necessary to file a formal application in Probate Court and secure an order authorizing private sale. This sale cannot be for a sum less than the appraised value. As the market has receded since the appraisal, it will be necessary to secure a re-appraisal. The inventory should also be amended by adding the additional fifty shares of stock of the ^{Hotel} Chattauqua Company which have since come to light. The re-appraisal and amendment will have to be made under much the same formalities as to notice, etc., required in the matter of the original inventory and appraisal, but there will be no practical necessity for calling the appraisers together again. They can agree upon their figures and the papers afterwards can be passed to them for their individual signatures.

If you feel that there is any likelihood of your having to sell, in addition to the other stocks, any part of the Chattauqua Hotel Company stock, this stock also should be re-appraised at the same time as the others, as under the special conditions affecting it, aside from the general market, it seems improbable that it could be sold, at any

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rate in the near future, at its present appraised value. I would suggest that in making the re-appraisal the values be placed if possible slightly under present market values. This will make no difference whatever in the sale price, and, since you wish to effect sale at an early date, will still enable you to proceed, even should the market recede further before the order authorizing sale can be secured and the sale completed. In order to make the sale in question, it will not be necessary for you to secure consent of any of the persons beneficially interested in the Estate.

Very truly yours,



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Title

[F5F03AY], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 11th, 1913

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

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New York, December 11, 1913.

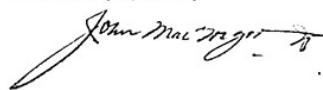
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I enclose the letters which you asked me to write on the subjects under discussion at your home last Thursday. Not knowing who is to act for you in Akron I write the letter relating to the Estate to you. This will give you the information desired and your attorney, whoever he may be, will of course know the exact procedure to be followed.

I trust that my delay in writing has not caused you any inconvenience. I have been living under a very rigid routine and it has been impossible for me to have any stenographic work done before today. My address in case you may wish to get word to me about any matters is at present 124 West 71st Street, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John MacGregor".

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[F5F03AZ], Letter from Grace A Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 1913

Title

[F5F03AZ], Letter from Grace A Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 1913

Editor's Notes

Supplied year and month

Author

Miller, Grace A

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Waymouth, Grace Cromwell
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

Date

1913-12-00

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Property
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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He objects thinking it is
not a sure thing what
he gets out of it finally.
I then suggested that in
return for the putting up
of the \$200 each one get
his share of the stock -
that is divide it & each
one carry his own risk
after paying the \$200 -
These last few days have
slipped along without my
realizing it has been so

(22)



Mina dear -
I am perfectly willing
to pay any \$200 on the
loan in Cleveland -
I fear the boys are in no
condition to do so however.
I just now suggested to
Gene borrowing it of
some one but you see
he has borrowed up to the
limit in order to develop
his real estate to get it
ready to turn. ~~I then~~

(23)

Since I received your request
 to know if I would be willing—
 Grace Weymouth came over Sunday
 my birthday seemed to throw me
 back into my old sad feelings—
 I really can't believe my eyes
 when I see the date of your letter.
 Lennie gave me a wonderfully
 fine little surprise dinner party,
 and that helped me out of
 myself wonderfully— Ida & Lora,
 Mr & Mrs Christy, Maude Manton &
 Mrs Byron Robinson— Henry Manton
 had just gone to Chicago—
 Enjoyed your night letter very much
 on Saturday. Dear old John's telegram
 reached me on my birthday morning—
 It is late & the cold air is rushing
 up the registers— so goodnight—
 With much love Missa dear & wanting
 to write you soon again— but this
 must get off now— Grace—

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[F5F03BA], Letter from Harvey Musser to Harry Frederick Miller, January 29th, 1914

Title

[F5F03BA], Letter from Harvey Musser to Harry Frederick Miller, January 29th, 1914

Author

Musser, Harvey

Recipient

Miller, Harry Frederick

Mentioned

- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Diamond Match Co
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- MacGregor, John, Jr

Date

1914-01-29

Type

Letter

Subject

- Property
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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Harvey Musser
F. H. Kimber
J. R. Huffman

Both Telephones 1402.

303-3 National Bldg.

Musser, Kimber & Huffman
Lawyers

Akron, O. Jan. 29, 1914

Mr. H. F. Miller,
Secretary to Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

In re Estate of Mary V. Miller

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have yours of the 27th returning the letter of Mr. John MacGregor of the 20th, both touching the N. Y. C. and L. S. Bonds purchased by Mrs. Miller during her lifetime.

As I interpret your letter of this transaction, there is nothing further for Mrs. Edison to do. As I have heard nothing from you concerning the sale of the Diamond Match and Goodrich common and preferred stocks, I assume that none of these shares have been sold. You no doubt, have noticed that Goodrich common has fluctuated from 2 to 4 points in the last ten days. I was told yesterday by someone who pretends to know, that the common would probably drop to 19 or 20 between now and May 1st. The report of the condition of the company which will probably be sent out today or tomorrow will give us the probable financial condition of the company.

Awaiting your further advices, and assuring you that I am pleased to do anything at this end of the line to facilitate a settlement of the estate, I am

Most truly yours,

Harvey Musser

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Title

[F5F03BB], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Harry Frederick Miller to Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller, February 5th, 1914

Author

- Miller, Harry Frederick
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- Property
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1914 TAE
-Family
-Miller, Mary V.

Orange, N. J. February 5, 1914.

Mrs Robt A. Miller
N.Y. City
Dear Mrs Miller

FEB 5 1914

It is proposed to put all the real estate not disposed of by the will of MRS. MARY V. MILLER into a Trust; to be administered by a Trust Company for the benefit of the heirs.

The Trust Company would look after the sale and rent of the property, the paying of taxes and the collection of rents, employing a real estate broker when necessary, and would divide the proceeds among the heirs at stated periods.

It would also be necessary for the heirs to authorize one or two of their number to act for them in all transactions.

Yes. Lavinia J. Miller
Geo. R. A. M. J.

Will you please state whether you approve of a plan similar to that outlined above.

Yes. Lavinia J. Miller
Geo. R. A. M. J.

Yes. Rachel Alice Miller

There are five lots in Cleveland which were transferred from Ira M. Miller, Executor, to Mary V. Miller, and which at present stand in the name of the State of Ohio, on account of delinquent taxes. They are assessed at \$140.00 each. Upon paying \$22.75 each, these lots will be reconveyed to the Estate. Are you willing that this payment be made?

Geo. R. A. M. J.

Yes. Lavinia J. Miller

Yes. Lavinia J. Miller

Yes. Rachel Alice Miller

Yours very truly,

MINA M. EDISON, Executrix

by H. S. Miller, Secretary.

I approve of the above proposition
Lavinia J. Miller
Lavinia J. Miller
Rachel Alice Miller

Rachel Alice Miller

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Title

[F5F03BC], Letter from Harvey Musser to Harry Frederick Miller, February 13th, 1914

Author

Musser, Harvey

Recipient

Miller, Harry Frederick

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- MacGregor, John, Jr

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Akron, O. Feb. 13, 1914

Mr. H. F. Miller, Sec.
to Mina M. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

In re estate of Mary V. Miller

Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of a letter from Mr. John MacGregor Hotel Hillman, Birmingham, Ala. in which he encloses letter from Mr. Ira Reynolds touching the real estate owned by the above estate in Cleveland and which letter is as follows:

"Dear Mr. MacGregor:

Your esteemed favor of the 13th inst. subject "Lots on Grand Division Ave." at hand. As I was in the neighborhood this morning I looked them over. The street has no improvements, just a country road, and at present I should think any money or time spent on them would be wasted. It is simply a field. Some day when they get a car line out Warner Road they may be marketed."

You will notice that this is a very conservative estimate, and in explanation of same I might add that Mr. Reynolds is one of the appraisers for the Cleveland Trust Company. Personally I believe it would be wise to redeem this property by paying the taxes, interest, etc.

If there is anything I can do as to this kindly let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Harvey Musser

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Title

[F5F03BD], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to
Harvey Musser, March 4th, 1914

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Musser, Harvey

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Miller, Lewis, II

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- Contracts and other legal concerns

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TAE
-Family
-Miller, Mary V.

Birmingham, Alabama, March 4, 1914

Harvey Musser, Esquire,
Akron, Ohio.

Estate of Mary V. Miller.

My dear Mr. Musser:

Enclosed please find contract which I have drawn defining the terms upon which the Oak Place property is to be held by the Trustee, in case the heirs conclude to make the conveyance in trust, as has been suggested. I enclose also description of the property prepared by Paul Brothers and copies of my letters of December 11th 1913 and of this date to Mrs. Edison. As she is apparently anxious to have this contract in hand, I have sent draft of it directly to her instead of awaiting your reply and suggestions. Changes will probably have to be made in any event to meet the views of all parties in interest. You will doubtless deem different or additional provisions desirable, and will, I trust, feel free to suggest to Mrs. Edison, and to make, exactly such alterations as you think advisable, or necessary to accomplish the purposes aimed at, or to bring the parties to an agreement. I have provided merely a form embodying such provisions as seem to me desirable, and fair to all, and such contingencies as have suggested themselves. It seems to me that the general plan ought to appeal to all of the parties and that each would rather enter into such an arrangement than to take chances either in drawing lots for choice of the property under a division, or in partition proceedings.

Several matters call for explanation. The contract contemplates prior sale of the undivided one-twenty-fourth interest of Robert Miller's minor child, so that conveyance of the entire title may be made to the bank. Mrs. Robert Miller may be, and otherwise should be appointed, guardian in New York of this child's estate and file her petition in Summit County and secure an order authorizing sale at private sale of her ward's interest in this property. The purchaser would be one of the other devisees. It has seemed to me the fair thing to have this child share exactly as other parties in interest in the proceeds eventually realized from sale of the entire property. This will necessitate your working out some plan by which the guardian may conform to requirements of New York statutes relating to investment of the ward's funds.

The contract also contemplates reservation by Grace A. Miller in the deed to the bank of her special interest in the property. This will enable her to have the use of the property until sale is affected, and will protect her as to compensation for her special interest when sale is made, provided she is then living and shall not theretofore have married. It seems to me that the value of such interest can be determined more equitably at that time than at present.

Harvey Musser, Esq. #2.
March 4, 1914.

I have provided for various changes as to schedule prices, agents, etc. by action of the majority in interest. This seems to me entirely fair. To require concerted action by all would not be practicable. A committee of three could act more promptly than the majority provided for, if such a committee would be acceptable. In specifying a majority in interest, I have tried to make the plan workable by providing for action of such only of the heirs of any of the parties who may be deceased as are of legal age.

An arrangement should be made with one of the Akron Abstract Companies to furnish a certificate of title to each parcel of property. By making this arrangement in advance, a substantial saving can doubtless effected. Each certificate would be paid for, however, only when delivered to the bank on its order.

The Commission to the bank ought not to exceed 2% of down payments to it, and 5% of payments subsequently made to it upon land contracts and mortgages.

As I have no additional suggestions to make to Mrs. Edison, I shall, for the purpose of saving time, instead of writing her separately, send her a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Rate to selling agents.

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Author

Musser, Harvey

Recipient

Miller, Harry Frederick

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- MacGregor, John, Jr

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Harvey Musser
T. H. Kimber
J. R. Huffman

Both Telephones 1402.

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3039 Edison Bldg.

Musser, Kimber & Huffman
Lawyers

TAE
- Family
- Miller, Mary
V.

Akron, O. Mar. 6, 1914

Mr. H. F. Miller, Sec. to
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

In re Estate of Mary V. Miller

Dear Sir:

I have examined the agreement prepared by Mr. John MacGregor, Jr. for the purpose of trusteeing the real estate, and think Mr. MacGregor has covered the matter very fully. Upon a final conference some minor changes may be necessary, but in the main I believe that the document as prepared by Mr. MacGregor is all right. The only suggestion I have to make is this, that the trustee should be given more latitude and discretion as to the price at which the real estate and the several lots should be sold. In short my theory is this, if you have confidence enough to select a party or a bank as trustee you should give such trustee rather broad powers so as to facilitate the sale of the real estate promptly and when you have a buyer.

I have today written Mr. MacGregor expressing my approval of his plan and when your people are ready to act you can command me and I will do whatever I can at this end of the line.

Hastily, but truly yours,

Harvey Musser

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Title

[F5F03BF], Letter from Bankers Guarantee Title and Trust Co to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 7th, 1914

Author

Bankers Guarantee Title and Trust Co

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

Miller, Grace A

Date

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L. L. SNYDER, Title Officer, Asst Secy.
W. THOMAS, Asst Title Officer.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY

AKRON, OHIO

March Seven .
Nineteen Fourteen.

Mrs Thos A. Edison,
Slewellyn Park,
Orange. N. J.

Dear Madam:-

I had an interview with Miss G. Miller,
at Oak Place in regards to selling your property .
She advised me to write you regarding same .

We have several clients who are looking
for home sites of this nature and believe I will
be able to dispose of this property for you , if
you all are willing to sell it . I understand you
are Executrix of the estate and can give me the
information desired .

Kindly advise me by return mail if you
care to give this Company a sales agreement to
dispose of this property , and upon receipt of your
letter will mail you a contract to look over and
give us a full description .

Trusting to hear from you , I beg to remain,

Yours very truly ,

The Bankers Guarantee Title & Trust Co ,

Per _____

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Title

[F5F03BF1], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to John MacGregor, Jr., April 1914

Editor's Notes

Supplied year and month

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

MacGregor, John, Jr

Mentioned

- Northern Pacific Railroad Co
- Goodrich (B.F.) Co
- Diamond Match Co
- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Grace A

Date

1914-04-00

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Letter

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- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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[April 1914]

Enclosed I am sending you a statement of the receipts and disbursements in connection with the Estate of Mary V. Miller to-date; also a list of claims to be paid.

The receipts for all payments up to January 7th are on file with the Probate Judge at Akron, to whom Mrs. Edison made a report last January.

The R. F. Goodrich Common stock has been sold and the Preferred will be sold at once. This will provide almost enough money to pay the balance of the claims.

I am also enclosing a copy of the report regarding the division of the real estate. Will you please write Mrs. Edison expressing your opinion of the plan?

Yours very truly,

MINA M. EDISON, Executrix

by

Secretary.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Louise's report heard. Do not agree with your plan in entirety. However, will compromise as follows:-

To divide the Oak Place property, except part set aside for Grace by Mother's will, into eight plots of equal valuation.

To draw for these plots.

For each one to sign an agreement appointing three men to value the lots, and divide the lots into eight plots of equal valuation.

To abide by the decision of the three men as to the valuation and division of the lots into eight plots.

All lots in each of the eight divisions shall be adjacent, i. e., in one block.

The plot set aside for Grace by Mother's will shall be used by Grace as long as she desires it as a home. At the time she gives it up this plot shall then be divided among the eight in the same way as above.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

EXECUTOR'S ACCOUNTS.

MINA M. EDISON, as Executrix of the will of Mary V. Miller,
Deceased, in account with said Estate.

Said Executrix charges herself as follows: FIRST PARTIAL ACCOUNT.

To RECEIPTS

To interest received as follows:

4/3/13	Dividend #3 The B.F. Goodrich Company	135.00
4/9/13	Dividend #4 The B.F. Goodrich Company	24.50
7/30/13	Dividend #5 The B.F. Goodrich Company	24.50
11/24/13	Dividend #6 The B.F. Goodrich Company	24.50
4/7/14	Dividend #7 The B.F. Goodrich Preferred	24.50
4/3/13	Dividend #97 Diamond Match Co.	52.50
7/30/13	Dividend #98 Diamond Match Co.	31.50
11/24/13	Dividend #99 Diamond Match Co.	31.50
1/7/14	Dividend #100 Diamond Match Co.	31.50
3/30/14	Dividend #101 Diamond Match Co. Stock	52.50
4/3/13	Quarterly interest Northern Pacific R.R. Co.	80.00
4/9/13	" " " " " "	80.00
4/3/13	Interest N.Y. Cent. & H.R.R. Co.	175.00
10/20/13	Dividend Chautauqua Hotel Co.	1400.00
4/9/13	Rent A.D. Ellis	8.00
4/22/13	" " " "	8.00
4/22/13	" " " "	8.00
5/26/13	" " " "	8.00
8/18/13	" " " "	24.00
9/16/13	" " " "	8.00
11/24/13	" " " "	8.00
1/7/13	" " " "	16.00
1/28/14	" " " "	8.00
3/30/14	" " " "	16.00
5/27/13	Star Planing Mill Rent	200.00
8/18/13	" " " "	100.00

Cash received not appraised 183.70

Cash received from R.A. Miller Jr. to pay part
of Chautauqua inst. bill 8.10

Cash from Estate as per inventory 608.89

Payments as per list 2279.89

Balance in bank. 3274.06

Checks deposited Aug 3-1914 104.50

Claims unsettled

Note held by Citizens Savings & Trust Co. Cleveland, Ohio \$210.33

Goodrich Stock held as collateral \$3700.00 3700.00

Less proceeds from sale of 125 shares Goodrich Common @ 26 3434.92

less broker's commission & interest 265.08

Guth & Hammel, Groceries 568.74

Akron Real Estate Board, Appraising 85.00

Musser, Kimber & Hoffman, Lawyers 180.00

John McGregor, Jr. Lawyer 410.89

\$ 1469.71

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

DATE PAID

PAYMENTS

4/7/13	The Akron Brush Works - 1/2 doz. brooms	3.50
4/7/13	The Akron Taxicab & Trans.Co. - Cab & Transfer	1.75
4/7/13	Brewster Coal Co. - Coal	20.71
4/7/13	Chautauqua Institution	23.05
4/7/13	The Citizens Svgs. & Trust Co. - Expenses at Chaut.	46.25
4/7/13	Dr. Wm. S. Chase	Int. on Collat. Loan
4/7/13	The Collins Drug Co.	Consultation
4/7/13	The Cowell & Hubbard Co.	Graduate Med. Glass
4/7/13	Day Drug Co.	Cards, Envelope & Plate
4/7/13	The Dodge Co. Inc.	Medicals
4/7/13	J.S. Farnbach	Repairing Chair
4/7/13	The 1st-2nd Nat'l Bank of Akron	Meats
4/7/13	The Klages Coal & Ice Co.	Rent of Safe
4/7/13	W.W. Leonard M.D.	Ice
4/7/13	John H. Lowman	Professional Service
4/7/13	The Likly & Rocket Trunk Co.	Professional Service
4/7/13	Julia Newbury	Repairing Trunks
4/7/13	The Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.	Milliner Service
4/7/13	The M. O'Neil Co.	Electrical Supplies
4/7/13	The Pettitt Bros. Hdw. Co.	Dry Goods
4/7/13	H.H. Porter	Supplies
4/7/13	J. Rutherford & Son	Paint
4/7/13	The Williams Foundry & Mach. Co.	Supplies
4/7/13	C.H. Yeager & Co.	Supplies
4/18/13	The Citizens Svgs. & Trust Co.	Loan 30 Sherbets
5/26/13	The Akron Pure Milk Co.	Int. on Collat. Loan
5/26/13	Chautauqua Inst.	Milk & Cream
5/26/13	The Kraus-Kirn Co.	Expenses
5/26/13	J.A. Gehres	Heating Supplies
5/26/13	The Hardware & Sup. Co.	Survey & Maps
5/26/13	The Read-Benzol Co.	7 pieces of glass
5/26/13	The Union Rubber Co.	Cleaning dresses &c.
5/26/13	Von Kanel Gros. Co.	Invalid Cushions &c.
5/26/13	The Wiener Bros. Co.	Groceries &c.
6/5/13	The Davey Tree Expert Co.	Fruits
8/29/13	The City Svgs. & Trust Co.	Tree Surgery
10/10/13	" " " "	Int. on Collat. Loan
10/20/13	Jas. P. Boyd	" " " "
10/20/13	Benedict & Muller	Professional Service
10/20/13	Chautauqua Inst.	Storage on Coat
10/20/13	J.S. Farnbach	Chautauqua Expenses
10/20/13	The Summit Lumber Blg. Co.	Meats
10/20/13	Wilds & Davidson	Lumber & Carpenter Work
1/6/14	The City Svgs. & Trust Co.	Paving Drive-Way
5/26/13	The Billow Sons Co.	Int. on Col. Loan
10/20/13	The Adamson Mach. Co.	Funeral Expenses
10/20/13	The Akron Rural Cemetery State	Cross and crown
10/20/13	Akron Monumental Works	Vault
5/26/13	Rowley, Hather & Eagleson	Marker
5/26/13	O.E. Lytle	Legal Services
10/10/13	O.E. Lytle	Probate Court Costs
11/24/13	Chas. Haas	Probate Court Costs
11/24/13	E.L. Widrig	Notary fee
11/24/13	Floyd M. Thomas	Taxes
1/6/14	Wm. H. Kroeger	"
1/12/14	Grace Miller	Taxes 1912
2/6/14	Hardware Supply Co.	Supplies
2/19/14	Guth & Hammel, on a/c	Care of lot
4/22/14	Akron Rural Cemetery	Drugs
4/22/14	Harper Drug Co.	Fees
4/22/14	O.E. Lytle Probate Judge	Description
4/22/14	Paul Bros.	Telegrams
4/28/14	Central Telep.Co.	
		\$ 3274.06

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Title

[F5F03BG], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 5th, 1914

Author

Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- MacGregor, John, Jr

Date

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- Property

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THE MILLER LAND CO.

11 WILCOX BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.
BOTH PHONES 7435.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, May 5, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Sister Mina:

A few days ago I received a copy of a memorandum of agreement made by John McGreagor for a Trustee of the Oak Place. There is one or two things in it that I think ought to be different; in the first place I think it ought to include the house and that part set aside in Mother's will as well as the rest of it, I hardly think its fair to leave that part of it and not be able to sell the house if you have a good opportunity to do so. Also be able to lot the remaining part of the property so as to harmonize with that part that the house is situated on. If Grace, Mary and you wish to keep the house, and a certain amount of land about it, it seems to me the best thing to do would be for you three to buy out the interest of the other heirs so as not to have any trouble in disposing of that part of the estate. I hardly think it fair for the rest of the heirs, for Grace to try to keep the house as I do not think we will get any more money for that part of the estate than we can get now. Keeping the house is a great expense and unless it is kept up right, the repairs, wear and tear will more than eat up the difference than what you would realize on it by holding it. I think the Trustee to have the right to sell that part of it as well as the rest of it if he had a chance.

The other change in the agreement is the price on the lots, they should be so fixed that there could not be any dispute over the price. If the Trustee sees fit to put a price on the lots, every other one or every third one, and hold the balance for a higher price, that would be all right, but for the estate or brother and sister to fix a price on the lots later on, I can see where there will be a dispute and friction right away, therefore, I think the price should be fixed in the start and the Trustee can hold what he thinks best for higher prices without any further orders from the heirs. I hope I have made my views on this agreement plain as possible, and regretting that I have not answered before, but you being in Florida and certain things happening to me here in Akron, I neglected to do so.

Trusting that you and all are well and that I will see you sometime next month, I am,

Your brother,

Lewis



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Title

[F5F03BH], Agreement, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Lewis Alexander Miller, Grace A Miller, Ira Mandeville Miller, June 22nd, 1914

Author

- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Harry Frederick
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date

1914-06-22

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Agreement

Subject

- Property
- Contracts and other legal concerns

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Mrs Edison
Copy of this was sent to all the
heirs with a request that they advise you if it meets with
their approval *Hgm*

AGREEMENT relative to the division of Oak Place
dated June 22, 1914.

We, the undersigned, agree to the following
division of Oak Place:

- (1) That the entire property, including house and adjoining land, be plotted into lots.
 - (2) That the entire property, including house and adjoining land, set aside for Grace by mother's will, be appraised by lots by a board appointed by Mrs. Mina M. Edison.
 - (3) That three uninterested parties or a board selected by Mrs. Mina M. Edison apportion these lots into eight blocks of equal value.
 - (4) That Ira and Lewis shall agree to exchange their blocks, if necessary, so that their blocks shall be adjacent and so located as to leave the balance of the property, including the plot now held by Grace, to be one uninterrupted block.
 - (5) That the undersigned shall draw lots for one block each and, if necessary, adjustment and transfer shall be made as specified under item 4.
 - (6) That the remaining six heirs agree to keep intact the plot about the house now held by Grace and further that Grace will continue to occupy the house and plot in accordance with mother's will.
 - (7) That the six remaining heirs agree to combine their individual blocks into a pool and said combined portion to be managed and disposed of as afterwards agreed to by them.
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Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 1st, 1914

Author

Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A

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THE MILLER LAND CO.

11 WILCOX BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.
AKRON, OHIO. PHONE 743.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, July 1, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange New Jersey,

Dear sister Mina:

A few days ago I received a typewritten agreement on signed that was gotten up by two or three, and forwarded to me, the agreement is all right, except number 4. The reason that I object to this part of it, is that it requires me to exchange the black part ial that may come to me, whether I care or not.

My idea has been expired two or three times, that Oak Place should be divided up in eight equal parts, and then have a drawing, and after the drawing if any one wishes to ~~own~~ their parts or exchange them for any other part, it can be done by agreement among themselves.

I hardly think it is fair to divide Oak Place with a string tied to it. The place has to be divided and adjustments made some day, and I cannot see why we cannot do it now, and it would be far better for us to do it, than to wait any longer.

It seems that of late great stress on looking after Grace, if Grace wishes to keep the house she can make an exchange with the other brothers and sisters, after the drawing, as well as to compel us to agree to article number 4 before the drawing is done.

My idea is that except last agreement that the mail, and by excepting article 4 for me to transfer my portion to Grace, whether I cared to or not. It may happen that I rather transfer my portion to ~~some~~ ^{another} member or some one else, than to Grace now.

As far as Grace having the home as stated in mother's will, that has all right. I have no objection to that, but I think ~~it~~ ^{it} has now, ~~is to do it~~, to divide the property, and it should be done before any complication could ~~wish~~ ^{arise} for. What if something should happen to you or to Ira, immediately brings in from three to five more in the settlement of these affairs.

The house might as well be divided now, better than later. Now for Grace can trade with one another, ~~if~~ ^{until} she gets the part she wants. I hope I have made this plain to you and show you the portion and the statement in this matter, and am doing it in good faith and am friendly with you. I feel we have been so long in deciding what to do with the place, that I think it is very unfair to any of the heirs to linger on to postpone the division of Oak Place any longer.

Your loving brother,

Lewis

Mother's will was that each of her children should have one eighth of her property. I think if we are going to divide up the property we should do it as Mother wished. If any one wishes to exchange it is up to them.

Your Obedt
Son's

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Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Musser, Harvey
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II

Date

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JOHN MAC GREGOR, JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

CLEVELAND TRUST BUILDING

1206 Williamson Building,

CLEVELAND September 11th, 1914.

Estate of Mary V. Miller.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I received today from Mr. Musser copy of his letter of September 4th to you, with the papers therein referred to as having been forwarded to me, viz.: (1) A copy of the Memorandum of Trust relating to the Chautauqua Hotel Company stock, (2) Instrument authorizing Hotel Company to transfer and reissue to you individually the entire 350 shares of stock, (3) Two copies of instrument authorizing Mr. Musser and myself to arrange for a subdivision, plat and valuation of the Oak Place property. All of these papers bear the signatures of Lewis A., Ira M. and Grace Miller. The delay in sending them to me was occasioned by Mr. Musser's inability, in spite of repeated efforts, to get in touch with Edward. He talked with Edward yesterday but the latter declined to sign any of the papers, stating that you had asked him not to sign them. I enclose all of the instruments named except the Memorandum of Trust which you will not need as you already have three copies. The character and purpose of these instruments were explained to you in my letter of August 29th, but copies of them may not have been sent you.

I still believe it to be desirable to trustee the Hotel Company stock as contemplated. The stock must be handled by you as Executrix in one of two ways only. It may be sold under an order of the Court for the purpose of paying debts of the estate, or it may be distributed in kind under an order of the Court to the beneficiaries under the will. If distributed in kind it would certainly seem that the stock could be handled to better advantage for all concerned and for all purposes if handled as an entirety. It must be borne in mind that some considerable time may elapse before a sale can be negotiated. The disposition of any part of the stock by one or more of the individual holders would weaken the position of the remaining holders in several ways, one being that it would almost certainly fix the top price that could be secured for the balance and it might lessen the chance of selling the balance at any price. The various papers required to consummate the trust were prepared at one time so as to relieve you as much as possible of the burden of transmitting separate papers to the various members of the family with the necessary explanations that would have to be made by you in each instance; and with the further thought that each member of the family, having all of the papers in hand for execution, would better understand the purpose and effect of the transaction. I trust that you will not hesitate for a moment to suggest any successor in trust whose appointment may for any reason appear preferable to you. My own feeling is that it would be better for some member of the family

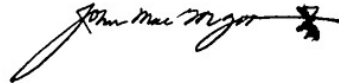
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, #2
September 11th, 1914.

to act as trustee. If the trust is to be entered into the papers should be signed by all of the beneficiaries under the will, including the minor son of your brother Robert. The instrument directed to the Hotel Company, however, should be signed by, in place of the minor, his guardian.

As regards the Oak Place property, it was very evident to Mr. Musser and me that the matter will have to be worked out along the lines indicated in my letter to you, and that the first and essential step to be taken is to arrange for the proper subdivision and valuation of the property. It was suggested that we should undertake to make the necessary arrangements. I entertained no doubt as to your approval of this general plan and so stated at the time. Edward raised the question yesterday, in his talk with Mr. Musser, as to the employment of more than one attorney. As regards the matter of expense I gave you my views yesterday. I may add, however, that so far as concerns administration of the estate very little remains to be done, and so far as concerns the real estate I can see a distinct advantage to you all in having an attorney on the ground in Akron. If it would relieve the situation in any way I should be pleased to withdraw. Please let me know your wishes in this respect.

If the lots in Cuyahoga County are to be offered for sale there should be a memorandum signed by all of the parties in interest authorizing the sale at the best price obtainable but not less than \$200.00 per lot, the amount which Mr. Smythe believes can be secured.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Mac Nizer", followed by a small decorative flourish or mark.

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Title

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Author

Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Musser, Harvey
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- MacGregor, John, Jr

Date

1914-09-18

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- Property
- Contracts and other legal concerns

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ROBERT A. MILLER, JR.

SALES ROOMS
29 COMERCIO STREET
PONCE, P. R.
21 ALLEN STREET
SAN JUAN, P. R.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Glenmont,
Llewellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

NEW YORK CITY, September 18, 1914.

Dear Aunt Mina:

Your very good letter of the 16th instant addressed to Mother has duly come to hand, and she and I have discussed the matter of the division of the estate and the conference of Uncle Ira, Uncle Ed, Uncle Lew, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Musser, and have concluded that they out in Akron will not agree to much of any other terms than those as set forth in the letter from Mr. McGregor--in which, incidently, no mention of this branch of the family was made, probably by oversight. However, we feel that it ought to be long considered before Grand-Mother's will is broken, and we feel that the best thing to do is to follow the division as set forth in this letter of Mr. McGregors, letting the three members from Akron have their shares, and the rest of us, consisting of yourself, Aunt Grace, Aunt Mame, Uncle John, and us, pool our shares, and let Aunt Grace have the use of the house during her life or until she is married, if she thinks she wants to hang onto it, and pay the charges. I doubt if she will, for long, after we have come to an agreement. Furthermore, we feel very strongly that we are wasting our substance in all this dealing with lawyers, and in going to them to settle details of affairs that we, the family, should be able to settle without their intervention. Therefore, any way which is the quickest way to settle the matter is the way we want to take. It seems to us that in a very short time that which looks like a great deal on paper, and in view of the land involved, will soon be quite easily represented actually by a decimal point and a

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NEW YORK CITY, September 18, 1914.
single insignificant digit following some ciphers ~~will~~ represent the
value of the property to Grand-Mother's heirs, and the balance will represent the value to the lawyers who have "settled" it for us. So far as this particular little group of the family is concerned, Grand-Mother appointed you and Father as her executors, and just as we should have abided by the decisions reached by you and Father and would have expected the rest of the family also to do, so will we abide by the decisions which you may make after mature deliberation. Frankly, so far as I myself am concerned, I should like very much to have the whole thing settled up and straightened out, and I think the rest of the whole family are in accord with that sentiment. Let's get the matter settled at once so far as those who seem to object are concerned, and then the remaining members can settle the final way of dividing to suit our-selves. It seems to me that the plan as set forth in the second paragraph of Mr. McGregor's letter to you under date of August 29th should prove quite satisfactory. It would seem to include the plans of all the members, and meets with the approval of those in Akron. Lets agree to it, swallow our pride, and settle the matter.

We shall be very glad to co-operate with you in every way that we can, and hope that the matter may soon be settled.

What, may I ask, are the lots in Guyahoga County? Are they your own personal property, or part of the estate? If the latter, I wonder if it would be asking too much to ask you to let us have a list of all the assets of the estate, small though it may be? We would greatly appreciate having such a list, and also a list of the liabilities, as it would give us

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NEW YORK CITY, September 18, 1914.

at least an intelligent idea of what matters were under discussion. Do you not think that would be a good plan, as it would make it possible for us to give you a better idea of what we thought of things, when asked about them. And too, don't you think that maybe it would be just as well for all interested parties to know of just what the estate consists, even if as you have many times told me it may mean little or nothing as the share of any individual one?

Hoping that this matter of the Oak Place property may be soon settled and that lawyers fees will not consume the whole of it, before it is settled, I am,

Your loving nephew,

Robert A. Miller Jr.

Attorney

{ For Mrs. Robert A. Miller;
For Mrs. Louise Igce Miller as attorney for
Lewis Miller, minor;
For Miss Rachel Alice Miller;
For Robert A. Miller Jr.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Executrix.

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Title

[F5F03BN], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 14th, 1914

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

Miller, John Vincent

Date

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

CLEVELAND TRUST BUILDING

1206 Williamson Building,
CLEVELAND October 14th, 1914.

Real Estate Trust.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,

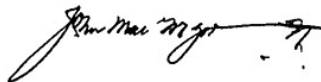
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I have, as requested, redrawn the contract proposed to be entered into for the purpose of trustesting the real estate, so as to provide for management of the property by the Committee. I enclose a copy of the contract and am sending copies also to the members of the Committee.

I enclose also a copy of my letter of this date to your brother John, in which are some comments in explanation of certain provisions of the contract and of the situation in general.

Very truly yours,



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Title

[F5F03BO], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to John Vincent Miller, October 14th, 1914

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Miller, John Vincent

Mentioned

- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Miller, Lewis, II

Date

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

1206 Williamson Building,
October 14th, 1914.

Real Estate Trust.

Mr. John V. Miller,

Orange, N. J.

My dear John:

Not having heard from you to the contrary I assume that no changes were made in the contract naming the Committee of three who are to have charge of the property and defining their powers and duties. I have, therefore, had five additional copies made and enclose them herewith, so that a copy may be furnished to each of the parties in interest.

I have, as requested, redrawn the contract defining the terms on which the real estate is to be trusted and a copy is enclosed. I am sending copies also to the other members of the Committee and to Mrs. Edinon. I have prepared the contract in such form that it may be executed, as soon as its general provisions are satisfactory, and the title conveyed to the trustee, without waiting for completion of the survey, adoption of sales prices and restrictions, etc. As you will note these are to be furnished to the trustee later - properly identified and then attached to the contract. Copy should also be attached to at least one of the contracts in possession of the Committee. There are to be four original contracts, one for the trustee and one for each member of the Committee. I also provided that notice of action of the Committee on important matters shall be filed with the trustee and placed with the contract. This will enable anyone entitled to the information to get at the situation readily from examination of papers in possession of the trustee.

The restrictions ought to be determined upon as soon as the property has been platted. If you will then advise me of them I shall be pleased to put them in proper form. They need not, of course, be uniform as to all of the property, but when adopted will have to be strictly adhered to, and to assure this should appear in every contract for the sale of any of the land as well as in the deed. It would be advisable to have forms of deeds and contracts printed.

There are certain practical matters to be determined by the Committee as indicated by the blanks in the contract.

I believe that the trustee ought to undertake this work on the basis of 2% of down payments and 5% of deferred payments. In order that you may know the terms that can be had in Cleveland I shall take the matter up with The Cleveland Trust Company and advise you or Edward, as may be preferred. You should be able to secure as favorable terms in Akron.

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Mr. John V. Miller, #2
October 14th, 1914.

It has seemed to me that the bookkeeping may be done by the trustee more satisfactorily perhaps than by the Committee and probably without much if any additional expense. I have not provided, however, for the trustee taking active steps to collect payments as they become due. The trustee ought to send out notices but probably would not consent to follow delinquents up by personal call without additional compensation. The trustee might notify the Committee of delinquents and the Committee could then undertake the collection for the bank. Please let me know as to how the Committee would like this handled, as the contract ought to state definitely what is to be done in this regard.

I have assumed that Lewis Miller 2nd is still a minor, and the contract, as regards his interest, is based on this assumption. If of age he also should join in the contract. If a minor it will be necessary to have his guardian file a petition in the probate court of Summit County for authority to sell the minor's interest at private sale. This interest should be sold at its appraised value to one of the other parties and the title so purchased then conveyed to the trustee. Please advise me as to Lewis's age and the name of his guardian, if he now has a guardian. I shall then correspond with the guardian in order to secure the data which must be set forth in the petition. It may not be possible to complete this proceeding by the time the other matters are in final form; but with the proceeding pending there should be no practical difficulty in going forward with sales of the property, an arrangement can be made through the trustee for protection of purchasers meanwhile.

As the plan calls for conveyance of all the real estate to the trustee it will be necessary to redeem the Cleveland property, which consists, as you may remember, of four lots on the outskirts of the city. In redeeming this land it may be possible to have the matter handled in such a way as not to show any record title in Lewis Miller 2nd. This would avoid the necessity of including the Cleveland land in the proceedings to be brought by the guardian and save expense of appraisal, etc. As I wrote to Mrs. Edison some weeks ago, Mr. A. B. Smythe, formerly Manager of the real estate department of The Cleveland Trust Company, believes that he can dispose of these four lots at \$200.00 each. I believe that Mr. Smythe will handle the matter well, and, unless the Committee has some other plan in view, recommend placing the property with him for sale.

Kindly advise me of the Committee's conclusions as to these matters which are left for determination, as well as any changes that may be desired, and I shall be pleased to redraw the contract accordingly.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,



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Burkett Miller, John Vincent Miller, October 1st, 1914

Author

- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Grace A

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Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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We, the undersigned, being the owners of all the real estate of which Mary V. Miller, late of Akron, Ohio, died seized, and desiring to have our interests in said premises handled as an entirety, have agreed and hereby do agree, each with the other and all of the others as follows:

1. The entire control and management of said real estate is hereby vested in a Committee composed of Edward B. Miller and Grace Miller, of Akron, Ohio, and John V. Miller, of Orange, New Jersey, who are authorized to act on any and all matters by majority vote. In event of the death or resignation of any member of the Committee a successor may be appointed by action of three fourths in interest of the undersigned, their heirs or assigns. Until such successor is appointed the remaining members of the Committee shall have authority to exercise all powers conferred on the full Committee. This agreement is to be operative for a period of two years from date thereof, but the Committee may be discharged and a new Committee appointed at any time by action of three fourths in interest of the undersigned, their heirs or assigns.

2. The title to said real estate shall forthwith be conveyed to such trust company as may be selected by the Committee, and be held upon the terms set forth in a memorandum of trust to be determined upon by the Committee and entered into between such grantee and the undersigned. The execution of this instrument by Grace Miller is without prejudice to the special interest held by her in a portion of said premises under the will of said decedent.

3. Express power and authority are hereby granted to the Committee as follows:

To select and employ engineers, surveyors and appraisers to plat, subdivide and value any part or all of said real estate.

To contract for such grading of said premises and for construction thereon of such drains, sewers, sidewalks, curbing and pavements as the Committee may deem advisable.

To sell any part or all of said premises, and to lease any part or parts thereof, at such prices and upon such terms as the Committee may determine; and for such purpose the Committee shall select and employ a competent real estate agent or agents.

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To cause such restrictions as to the use thereof to be imposed upon said premises, or any part thereof, as the Committee may deem advisable.

To contract for building improvements upon said premises of such character as the Committee may determine, not exceeding in cost, however, at any time the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, (\$12,500.00), unless the written consent of three fourths in interest of the undersigned, their heirs or assigns, shall first be obtained.

4. All payments due on sales or leases of said premises shall be made to the trustee under said memorandum of trust and be held and disposed of as therein set forth. Of the funds that may be received by the trustee the Committee is empowered to have the trustee accumulate and maintain at all times for the benefit for the Committee a working capital of Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000.00), and to cause the same to be expended for any improvements that may be made on said premises and for any expenses and charges that may be incurred by the Committee under the provisions of this instrument. For the purpose of financing such improvements the Committee is further empowered to make such loan or loans, at any time or from time to time, not exceeding, however, in the aggregate the sum of Seventy Five Hundred Dollars, (\$7,500.00), unless the consent in writing of three fourths in interest of the undersigned, their heirs or assigns, be first obtained, as the Committee may deem advisable, and to procure the execution of such instruments as may be required to secure any such loan by a valid lien upon said premises.

5. The Committee shall render quarterly reports to each of the parties in interest, with data as to all sales and leases made, improvements undertaken, moneys received, expenses and charges incurred and payments made, since date of the last previous report.

6. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands at Akron, Ohio,

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this first day of October, 1914.

We, the undersigned, being the Committee therein named, hereby
agree to act in the capacity, for the purposes and upon the terms and conditions
set forth in the foregoing instrument.

COMMITTEE.



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Agreement, Rachel
Alice Miller, Mina
Miller (Mrs Thomas
A.) Edison, Lewis
Alexander Miller,
Mary Emily Miller,
Grace A Miller,
Edward Burkett
Miller, Ira
Mandeville Miller,
John Vincent Miller,
Robert Anderson
Miller, Jr., 1914**

Title

[F5F03B02], Agreement, Rachel Alice Miller, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Lewis Alexander Miller, Mary Emily Miller, Grace A Miller, Edward Burkett Miller, Ira Mandeville Miller, John Vincent Miller, Robert Anderson Miller, Jr., 1914

Author

- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr

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- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Lewis, II

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made at Akron, Ohio, this _____ day of October 1914 by and between Ira M. Miller, Edward B. Miller, Lewis A. Miller and Grace Miller, all of Akron, Ohio, Mina M. Edison and John V. Miller both of Orange, New Jersey, and Mary M. Nichols, Robert A. Miller and Rachael A. Miller, all of the City of New York, New York, the FIRST PARTIES, and the _____ Company, a Corporation, of Akron, Ohio, the SECOND PARTY, is to WITNESS: That

WHEREAS First Parties being the owners of all of the real estate of which Mary V. Miller, late of Akron, Ohio, died seized, and desiring to have their interests in said premises handled as an entirety, have heretofore placed the control and management of said premises in the hands of a Committee composed of said Edward B. Miller, Grace Miller and John V. Miller, under a Memorandum dated October ____, 1914, a copy of which marked "Exhibit A" is hereto attached; and,

WHEREAS First Parties at the request of said Committee have executed and delivered to Second Party their certain warranty deed, bearing even date herewith (the wives and husbands of such of First Parties as are married having joined in said deed for the purpose of releasing their respective dower interests) conveying to Second Party all of said real estate, for the description of which premises reference is hereby made to said deed; and,

WHEREAS, The deed of said premises being in form absolute, it is desirable to evidence the trust and agreement upon which such conveyance has been made,

NOW THEREFORE THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH the agreement of First Parties, both jointly and severally, with Second Party and the agreement of First Parties, each with the other and all of the others as follows, to-wit:

Interests of
beneficiaries

1. Such conveyance has been made and the title thereby conveyed is held by Second Party in trust for the benefit of First Parties, and of Lewis Miller 2nd of the City of New York, New York, a minor, and their respective heirs and assigns, the said Ira M. Miller, Edward B. Miller, Lewis A. Miller, Mina M. Edison, Mary M. Nichols, Grace Miller and John V. Miller, having each

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Purpose of conveyance.	an undivided 1/8 beneficial interest in said trust and the said Robert A. Miller, Rachael A. Miller and Lewis Miller 2nd having each an undivided 1/24 beneficial interest in said trust. The purpose of the grantors in making such conveyance is to provide a means for securing prompt execution and delivery of all papers that may be required in making sales and conveyances and leases of said premises, collection of all moneys to become due thereon and disbursement of such funds as hereinafter provided.
Allotment.	2. Said premises are to be allotted by survey of _____ of _____, Ohio, and are to be offered for sale by sales agents, selected by the Committee, according to a schedule of prices to be adopted by the Committee. A blue print of such survey and a copy of such schedule marked respectively "Exhibit B" and "Exhibit C", and signed for identification by the Committee, shall be filed by the Committee with Second Party and shall thereupon be attached to this instrument. Copies of said exhibits shall be delivered by the Committee to the sales agents.
Schedule of prices.	
Amendment of Schedule.	Said schedule may be amended in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, by the Committee. Written notice of any such amendment, signed by the Committee, shall, forthwith following its adoption, be filed with Second Party. Upon receipt of such notice Second Party shall attach the same to said schedule and shall forthwith mail a copy thereof to the persons who may at such time be acting as sales agents.
Sales Agents.	3. The Committee have appointed _____ of Akron, Ohio, as agents to handle the sale of such premises as are located in Akron, and _____ of Cleveland, Ohio, as agents to handle the sale of such premises as are located in Cleveland.
Termination of Agency.	The agency of said _____ and _____, or of any parties who may succeed them, may at any time be terminated and other agents appointed in their place by the Committee. In every such case written notice of the termination of the agency and of the appointment of other agents, signed by the Committee,

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shall be filed with Second Party. Upon receipt of such notice Second Party shall forthwith send by registered mail a copy of said notice to the parties whose agency is so terminated.

Agents'
Commissions.

The agents so appointed and acting at any given time shall be entitled to receive a commission of _____ per cent. of the sale price of each and every part of said premises sold by such agents, and such commission for negotiating leases of said premises as the Committee may determine. The Committee shall notify Second Party in writing, or shall cause Second Party to be so notified by the sales agents, of each and every sale that shall be made of any part of said premises and of the terms of sale.

In regard
to Sales.

Payments by
purchasers.

Delivery
of deeds,
contracts, etc.

4. All payments upon sales shall be made by the purchasers to Second Party. If the sale be for cash, Second Party shall execute and, on payment to it of the purchase price, deliver to the purchaser a good and sufficient deed of the premises so purchased with covenants of limited warranty, and restrictions as hereinafter provided. If such sale be in part for cash and the balance in deferred payments, Second Party shall execute and, on receipt by it of such cash payment, deliver to the purchaser a proper contract for the premises so purchased embodying the terms of purchase, which contract, unless Second Party be otherwise instructed by the Committee, shall expressly provide for payment of the balance of such purchase price within _____ years from date thereof, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, and payment by the purchaser of all taxes and assessments on said premises. No sale calling for deferred payments shall, unless expressly accepted by the Committee, be binding, or be recognized by Second Party, unless _____% or more of the purchase price be paid to Second Party in cash.

Whenever any purchaser, who shall have paid 50% or more of the total purchase price specified in his contract with Second Party, shall request Second Party to deliver a deed of the premises so purchased and shall surrender such contract and execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered to Second Party a note and mortgage in form acceptable to Second Party for the remaining unpaid portion of said purchase price, payable within _____ years

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from the date of said contract, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, or shall pay or cause to be paid the balance due on said contract in cash, Second Party shall coincident therewith execute and deliver to such purchaser, or his nominee, a deed as above set forth of the premises so purchased. Second Party shall deliver with each deed to the grantee named in the deed a certificate of title of the premises thereby conveyed.

Restrictions.

Every deed executed and delivered under the provisions of this instrument shall contain restrictive covenants to be adopted by the Committee. A statement of such covenants, marked "Exhibit D" and signed for identification by the Committee, shall be filed by the Committee with Second Party, and shall thereupon be attached to this instrument.

Distribution
of proceeds
of sales.

5. From payments made to it on any sale, Second Party shall pay to the sales agent the commission due such agent upon such sale, and shall also pay or reserve the charges for a certificate of title of the premises sold. All funds received by Second Party over and above such commissions and charges shall be retained by Second Party until Second Party has accumulated a fund of Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000.00), as a capital account for the Committee, to be expended as provided by the terms of said "Exhibit A"; and has accumulated in addition thereto a fund sufficient to pay all taxes and assessments and insurance premiums on said premises for one year, such fund to be expended as directed by the Committee. Any and all funds in excess of amounts required to replace withdrawals from said capital account and from said fund for taxes and other charges above set forth and to provide for payment of commissions and charges for certificates of title shall be distributed by Second Party quarterly, on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year, to First Parties and Lewis Miller 2nd, or their respective heirs or assigns, according to their respective interests as hereinabove set forth; provided, however, that when and as often as funds in possession of Second Party shall amount to the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), or more, in excess of the sums required to be reserved or paid by Second Party as above set forth, Second Party shall make immediate distribution of such excess funds to the parties entitled thereto.

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Portion of premises subject to special interest.

6. A portion of the premises so conveyed to Second Party is subject to a special interest in Grace Miller, as provided in the last will of said Mary V. Miller, deceased, and expressly reserved in said deed of conveyance to Second Party. It is understood that no part of such portion of said premises shall be sold unless the written consent of Grace Miller to such sale shall have first been obtained; but that in event of giving such consent Grace Miller will join with Second Party in execution and delivery of any and all instruments that may be required to complete such sale. The net proceeds of sale shall be retained by Second Party until there shall have been filed with Second Party written instructions, signed by all of First Parties, or their heirs then of legal age or assigns, as to the distribution of such proceeds, to the end that Grace Miller may receive due compensation for the relinquishment of her special interest in such premises; provided, however, that if Grace Miller shall waive her special interest in the proceeds of sale, distribution of such proceeds shall then be made as provided in Article 5 of this instrument.

Limitation of responsibility of Second Party.

7. It is expressly understood and agreed that, in accepting title to the premises above mentioned, Second Party does not assume any responsibility as to the validity of the titles conveyed to it, or as to the management and care of said premises or the payment of taxes and assessments thereon, further than to pay out of funds which it may accumulate for such purpose taxes and assessments and other charges in accordance with provisions of Article 5 of this instrument.

Interest on balances.

8. On any and all balances in its possession Second Party shall allow and pay from time to time interest in accordance with the rules governing deposits in its Savings Department.

Second Party shall render to First Parties semi-annually, on the first day of January and July of each year, a statement showing all amounts of cash received, held and distributed by it, and all notes, mortgages, contracts and leases in its possession.

Compensation of Second Party.

9. Second Party shall receive in full compensation for services to be rendered by it in the performance of this trust ___% of all down payments made by purchasers of said premises, and ___% of all sums of money that shall thereafter be paid to it by purchasers upon their respective contracts and mortgage notes.

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Termination
of Trust.

10. This trust may be terminated at the option of the majority in interest of First Parties, or their respective heirs or assigns, upon service by them on Second Party of written notice of their election to terminate the same. On receipt of such notice Second Party shall pay and duly assign and deliver to First Parties and Lewis Miller 2nd, or their respective heirs or assigns, in accordance with their respective interests as above set forth, all of the moneys, notes, mortgages, contracts and other papers in its possession, less, however, such sum or sums as may be due it for services to such date, or may be due for charges, relating to said premises, for which Second Party shall have become liable in accordance with the provisions of this instrument- all of which sums it is expressly authorized to retain; and shall further convey to First Parties and said Lewis Miller 2nd, or their respective heirs or assigns, in accordance with their respective interests as above set forth, or to the nominees of First Parties and Lewis Miller 2nd, all portions of said premises to which Second Party shall then hold the legal title, provided any and all loans secured by lien on said premises shall theretofore have been paid; and shall also render a statement, as provided in Article 8 of this instrument, covering all transactions had by it since the date of its last previous statement.

Contract
binding on
heirs, etc.

11. The provisions of this instrument shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the respective heirs or assigns of First Parties and the successor, if any, of Second Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, First Parties have hereunto set their hands, and Second Party, to evidence its acceptance of such trust has hereunto caused its corporate name and seal to be affixed by its proper officers thereunto duly authorized, this instrument being executed in four originals, the day and year first above written.

FIRST PARTIES

The _____ Company,

By _____ President,

Secretary,

SECOND PARTY.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

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special
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6. A portion of the premises so conveyed to Second Party is subject to a certain special interest in Grace Miller, as provided in the last will of said Mary V. Miller, deceased, and expressly reserved in said deed of conveyance to Second Party. No part of such portion of said premises shall be sold unless there be filed with Second Party the consent in writing of Grace Miller to the sale thereof, and also a stipulation, signed by all of First Parties, or their heirs then of legal age or assigns, as to the value of such special interest in the premises to be sold, to the end that Grace Miller may receive upon such sale due compensation for the relinquishment of her special interest in such premises. In case such consent and stipulation be so filed Grace Miller shall join with Second Party in the execution and delivery of any and all instruments that may be required to complete such sale and to effect conveyance of such premises free and clear of her said special interest. From the net proceeds of sale, the value of such special interest, as fixed by said stipulation, shall forthwith be paid to said Grace Miller, and the balance of such proceeds shall be distributed as provided in Article 5 of this instrument.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Akron, Ohio, _____ 1914.

The _____ Company,
Akron, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I hereby waive my special interest, referred to in Article 6 of the contract between Ira M. Miller et al and your Company, dated _____ 1914, in the premises hereinafter described, and waive as to such premises (but not as to any other premises affected thereby) the provisions of said Article in my favor, and I authorize you on making sale of said premises to distribute the proceeds of sale as provided in Article 5 of said contract.

Said premises are described as follows:

Signed _____

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Title

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Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, John Vincent

Date

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JOHN MAC GREGOR, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1206 WILLIAMSON BUILDING

CLEVELAND November 10th, 1914.

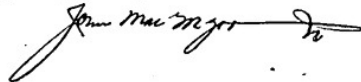
Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

Herewith please find copy of my letter of this date to John V. Miller in reference to the Real Estate Trust, and copies of the enclosures referred to therein.

In your letter of September 15th you stated that you expected to receive a dividend from the Chautauqua Hotel Company in October and would then make me a remittance. I trust that the dividend has been paid as I shall be especially pleased to receive remittance at this time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Mac Gregor, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Title

[F5F03BQ], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to John Vincent Miller, November 10th, 1914

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Miller, John Vincent

Mentioned

- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

November 10th, 1914.

Real Estate Trust.

Mr. John V. Miller,

Orange, N. J.

My Dear John:

I received your letter of November 4th. I have redrawn Article 6 of the contract in order to make its provisions more definite, and enclose a copy of the new draft herewith. As you will note I have omitted reference to a waiver by Grace Miller of her special interest in any part of the premises, as this is unnecessary. I have, however, prepared a form of letter to be used by her in case she wishes at any time to make such a waiver, a copy being also enclosed. This would be required by the Trustee in any event.

As the Trustee is to be charged with the duty of making collections I would also offer the following suggestions:

Article 4. Substitute for first sentence the following:

"All payments upon sales are to be made by the purchasers to Second Party, and Second Party shall, as a part of its general duties hereunder, take all such action as may be required, aside from court proceedings, to effect collection of payments from purchasers as and when the same become due."

Article 5. Substitute for first sentence the following:

"From payments received by it on any sale, Second Party, after first deducting its own charges as herein-after provided, shall pay to the sales agent the commission due such agent upon such sale, and shall also pay or reserve the charges for a certificate of title of the premises sold."

Article 7. (New). Insert new article as follows:

"Court Proceedings. Second Party shall cause such proceedings to be brought and taken, from time to time, for the purpose of collecting moneys due to the trust and for other purposes relating to the subject of the trust estate, as the Committee may direct, and Second Party shall be entitled to charge to the Trust the reasonable attorney fees and other expenses incurred by it in connection with such proceedings."

Article 7. (Old) Renumber as Article 8 and renumber succeeding sections.

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Mr. John V. Miller, #2,
November 10th, 1914.

It would be well for the Committee to ascertain definitely from the bank, which is to act as trustee, its rules as to payment of interest on funds in its possession, and to then decide as to whether the plan of distributing funds, as provided in Article 5, is satisfactory. It might develop that under the plan in question there would be no interest paid on any funds except the capital account, etc. In Cleveland funds must remain on deposit six months. You may prefer, however, to have earlier distribution made even if interest is lost. I mention this merely for consideration and as one matter to be determined in addition to those referred to in my letter of October 14th.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosures to the other members of the Committee and to Mrs. Edison.

Very truly yours,

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Author

Miller, Grace A

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Goodrich (B.F.) Co

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Future of Goodrich
questionable. Generally
agreed better time to
buy than sell. Cars
was bought largely
by loan from
Cleveland Goodrich
Stock + remainder of
Pondak cash is all
on loan. We pay 6
on cash m

received 4 sp cash -
will be applied to
loan - use your
judgment
Grace Miller

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Title

[F5F03BS], Report from John Vincent Miller,
January 1st, 1915

Author

Miller, John Vincent

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Glidden, John N
- Miller, Grace A
- MacGregor, John, Jr
- Arnold Iron Ore

Date

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ESTATE of MARY V. MILLER,
REPORT of
COMMITTEE on REAL ESTATE,
Jan. 1, 1915.

REPORT of COMMITTEE elected to handle REAL ESTATE
of the MILLER ESTATE

To the Family:-

We would submit the following report of work which the Committee has done since its appointment on Nov. 28th/14. The report is divided into four (4) sections, namely as follows:-

- (1) - Formal agreements and selection of Trust Co. to act as trustee.
- (2) - Oak Place Property.
- (3) - Cleveland " .
- (4) - Michigan " .

(1) Agreements -

The original agreement concerning method of handling the real estate and dated Oct. 1st/14, has been signed by all members of the family, and we submit a copy of same to each member.

As to the agreement between us and a Trust Co. to act as trustee, we would report that this agreement was drawn up by Mr. John McGregor, Jr., and submitted to us. It was gone over in detail and corrections and revisions made. In accordance with same, Mr. McGregor has rewritten same, and copies of the revised agreement have just been received.

The Committee expects shortly to submit this Trust Agreement, together with Deed of Oak Place to the Trust Co., for signing.

(2) Oak Place -

After considerable discussion and interviews with various engineers, the Committee finally settled on Mr. Elmer B. Wight, of Cleveland, as consulting engineer, and Mr. George Warner, of Akron, as local engineer, to handle the Oak Place property.

The plan of work was arranged as follows:-

Mr. Warner was to determine accurately the boundary lines of the property, and locate the line bounding the portion set aside by Mother's will for Grace. This plan was to be submitted to Mr. Wight, and when so submitted, Mr. Wight would come to Akron, look over the land, and then plot the property as he thought best.

For this work, Mr. Warner was to receive a stipulated amount per day, and Mr. Wight was to receive \$15.00 per trip to Akron, and 62½¢ per hour for time spent by his draftsman in his office. It was thought that two trips to Akron by Mr. Wight would be sufficient.

We are glad to report that Mr. Warner completed his pre-

liminary survey, and when the Committee again met on Nov. 27th, the plan was submitted to Mr. Wight. On Dec. 1st, Mr. Wight came to Akron, and together with Mr. Warner, went over the property, and met with Grace afterward.

Mr. Wight later submitted his ideas of the platting of Oak Place, and several schemes of laying out the ground and handling same are under contemplation.

(3) Cleveland Land -

The Committee, at the meeting of Nov. 27th, investigated this property very thoroughly. We visited the ground and found it to be located on the edge of a large allotment which is now being sold. The lots are on rather high ground, face Grand Division Ave. which is the present boundary line of the city limits. Expectations are that a trolley line will soon be built on this Ave. which will greatly increase the value.

Within about one-half mile is the Garfield Park, and near-by, but just outside the city limits, is another allotment, which is being sold off quite rapidly, and in which lots are bringing \$500 to \$600. Mr. Wight advised us to hold the lots, as in his estimation, they might soon bring as much as \$800.

As far as the Committee at present has learned, the only incumbrance on the lots was the back tax, which amounted to about \$120.59. The Committee has paid this amount, and the property is now safely in our hands.

(4) Michigan Land -

In order that we may all know about this property, we think it well to give the following short account of same, which information has been derived from papers given to Committee by Ira.

In the early days of Chautauque, Mr. John H. Glidden, of Cleveland, became interested in its development, and when Father wished to build a hotel, Mr. Glidden subscribed and paid in cash \$20,000 towards the project. Shortly after, Mr. Glidden's financial affairs became involved, and Father lent him \$5000. Mr. Glidden gave as security a mortgage on $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in certain mining lands in Michigan, also \$2000 of 2nd Mortgage Bonds issued by Arnold Iron Ore Co., and a lease of a Chautauque lot.

The land in question comprised 1519 acres in Crystal Falls Iron District and was located 100 miles from Marquette. In the opinion of a man living in that region, and dated June 10, 1910, the land was worth about \$10. an acre.

It appears that Mr. Glidden's affairs became more involved and as no iron of consequence was found, the taxes were allowed to lapse, and finally the land was bought for the taxes - by an outside party.

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In payment of the loan, Mr. Glidden returned to Father \$1997.50, by cash received thru sale of Chautauqua lot to Mr. Richard T. Higgins.

Later Mr. Glidden endeavored to make further payments thru negotiations with Ira, whereby he was to redeem as much of the land as possible, and sell it. From these negotiations, Mr. Glidden made the following payments:-

Feb. 11, 1904 - \$325.00

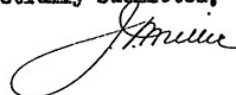
May 26, 1910 - \$ 50.00.

A letter was written to Mr. Glidden, to ascertain the present condition of the property, and whether or not any further money could be realized from sales. We regret to report that the letter was returned, marked "Deceased".

In his letters, Mr. Glidden speaks very highly of Father, of his friendship with him, of his interest in Chautauqua, and of his sincere regrets that he could not repay in full the amount borrowed from Father.

The Committee requests the opinion of the Family as to what further action in this connection should be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

 Chairman.

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Author

Miller, John Vincent

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

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JOHN V. MILLER
E. ORANGE, N. J.

Silver Lake, N. J. Mch. 6, 1915.

My dear Brother or Sister;-

Re: OakPlace Real Estate Trust

Enclosed herewith I send you on behalf of the Committee the copy of the original agreement between the members of the family relative to handling all the real estate thru a Trust agreement and a Trust Co., and a Committee.

This agreement has now been signed by all the members and also by the members of the committee.

Yours affectionately,


Chairman.

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Title

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Author

Miller, John Vincent

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Rowland, George W

Date

1915-06-04

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Taxes
- Property

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Mrs. Thomas A. Edison -
Orange, N.J.

Re/Chautauqua Lts -

My dear Mina: -

In order that you may know in writing
the moneys received etc. from Louise for rent
of house & tent let I submit the follow-
ing report -

Statement of Receipts & Expenditures -

Rent for year 1913 -

\$150.00

undry repairs paid for by Louise \$75.57

Paid to J. D. M. by check

25.00

100.57

Balance due -

\$49.43

Rent for year 1914 -

\$150.00

undry repairs paid for by Louise \$136.87

Paid to J. D. M. by check

13.13

150.00

Balance due -

Balance due us for the 2 years -

\$49.43

1915
Paid by J. D. M. to James H. Prudergard
for insurance 4 years to 7/2/14

115.20

Paid to " " J. D. M. for taxes on lot #16

6.39

\$121.59

Bill payable - Chautauqua Institution
water rent, sewer etc.

\$19.50

Mina

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Today evening I was in N.Y. at Louis's -
& had a talk with her about the house -
they want more improvements or repairs
made -

Gas stove

Key for tent

Fence & floor repaired -

I do not see how I can keep up my
end at the rent which is paid - &
when I see you we must decide what
we are to do -

Louis wants still to buy the place -
I would favor leaving it for say 5 yrs
& she to keep it in condition - Property
to rid us clear \$100 to \$150 per year -
I would also be willing to sell my
share to you if you want to hold
the two lots for say \$2000.00 or
for an amount appraised by Geo. Rowland.
But see you tomorrow or Sunday so
in the meantime think it over -

Very very affectionately & lovingly
John

Enclosure of list of repairs made by Louis -

Mina

(3)

6/4/15 191
Chantangua Lote

List of Repairs 1913 - 1914		
1913 -	Painting cottage -	60.00
	Mending porch -	7.95
	" balcony -	6.22
	Putting up tent -	1.40
		<u>\$75.57</u>
1914 -	Channing tank room -	2.00
	Painting kitchen - labor -	5.00
	" dining & sitting room - "	12.00
	" bath room - "	12.00
	Sundries	2.00
	Paints brushes etc	16.22
	Roaming -	60.00
	Electric Pumps -	2.10
	Repairing tent	1.70
	1 doz. window shades -	3.00
	1 " for curtains	15.00
	Porch light	1.60
	Repairs to porch & chimney	4.00
	Work on yard	2.00
		<u>138.62</u>
	Total	<u>\$214.19</u>

J. Miller

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Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

- Chautauqua Institution
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

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- Miller, Mary V.

July 9th, 1915.

Mr. Arthur E. Boster,
Chautauqua Institution,
Chautauqua, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison as Executrix of the will has had charge of settlement of the estate of her mother, the late Mrs. Mary V. Miller, of Akron. Mrs. Edison would like to sell the stock owned by the estate in the Chautauqua Hotel Company, provided satisfactory terms can be agreed upon, and has asked me to arrange with you for a meeting at which the matter can be discussed. I shall endeavor to meet you at Chautauqua, in company with Mrs. Edison or some other representative of the family, at such time as will be most convenient for you and any associates whom you may wish to be present, and shall be pleased in case you are able to name an early date.

Very truly yours,

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[F5F03BW], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 23rd, 1915

Title

[F5F03BW], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 23rd, 1915

Author

Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

MacGregor, John, Jr

Date

1915-07-23

Type

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

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- Family
- Miller, Ira

Cham
Dear Sir:

July 23. 1915

Your silence in not answering my letters and telegrams regarding Bond money is making it very embarrassing for me indeed - My taxes have had to go unpaid several promises have had to go unfilled and I am still and I am still in bad repute on account of same. I am doing my best to manage my business affairs and I have telegraphed and written you several times why I needed and expected this bond money. I have no confidence in this bond being worth but little if any more. The interest is too low and the N.Y. Central securities are not what they once were - independent of the War decline. Lots will not sell for cash now days and cash is what I

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

need. I supposed when I signed
the Bond last Spring you would
send me my share of the proceeds
immediately. I have signed every
thing you and Mr McGee have
asked me sign and still I am
waiting for my money and have
been fearfully embarrassed in
handling my family affairs which
this money would have kept me
right along with. You must remem-
ber I have quite a little family to
look out for and very little help.
We are all living just as close as we
can. My business is not as productive
as it might be but I am doing the best
I can with it. Hoping times will soon
get better. Every mail I look for a letter
from you. I am in trouble without this
money. For I have promises based on getting
this money. If you do not say you have sent
me \$42.50 by Tuesday I will draw on you

for as paid above you can see my needs
for it. When you get it please let me know



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Title

[F5F03BX], Bill/Receipt from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 28th, 1915

Author

Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date

1915-07-28

Type

Bill/Receipt

Subject

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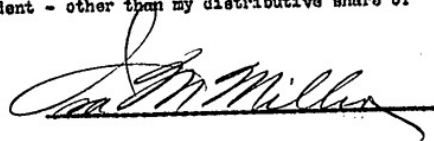
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Akron, Ohio, June 28th, 1915.

Received of Mina M. Edison, Executrix of the Last Will of Mary V. Miller,
deceased, the sum of \$412.50, in full settlement of any and all claims on my
part against the estate of said decedent - other than my distributive share of
said estate.



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Title

[F5F03BY], Letter from John MacGregor, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 28th, 1915

Author

MacGregor, John, Jr

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Date

1915-07-28

Type

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*Telegraphic Mr.
Mr. E. Gregor asking
him if he would state
facts to Mrs. Robert Miller
who is at Chautauqua
and she could talk with
Mr. Bester*

JOHN MAC GREGOR, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1306 WILLIAMSON BUILDING

CLEVELAND July 28th, 1915.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, New Jersey.

Estate of Mary V. Miller

Dear Madam:

In talking with Mr. Ira Miller this afternoon I told him of the correspondence which I had recently had with Mr. Bester in reference to the Chautauqua Hotel Company stock. He stated that the Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Institution is to hold its semi-annual meeting at Chautauqua next Monday and Tuesday, and expressed the opinion that it would be desirable to take the matter up with Mr. Bester before the meeting. He believes that the Board would refer the matter to the Executive Committee for investigation and report, and that it will be sometime before any definite action is taken. The attitude of the Committee and probably of the Board itself could be ascertained, and the information would be of value in enabling you and the other members of the family to determine the course that ought to be followed, whether in reference to negotiating further for sale of the stock or arranging for guarantee of the dividend or exchange of the stock for bonds, etc. etc. Aside from this the only advantage that occurs to me in seeing Mr. Bester before the meeting might lie in possibly changing the way in which the question is presented. If the Board had before it a fair statement of our point of view it might not commit itself definitely against negotiations.

Mr. Miller thinks that the matter had better be taken up with Mr. Bester on Saturday of this week. Because of his position on the Boards of both the Institution and the Hotel, he feels that he ought not to appear in the negotiations. I make these suggestions to you merely for consideration, so that you may act upon them if it seems to you desirable to do so.

Very truly yours,

John Mac Gregor

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Title

[F5F03BZ], Telegram from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to John MacGregor, Jr., July 31st, 1915

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

MacGregor, John, Jr

Mentioned

- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Date

1915-07-31

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Telegram

John Mac Gregor Jr.
#1206 Williamson Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

Acquaint Mrs Robt Miller now
at Chautauqua with estates desires
regarding stock so she can talk
with Mr Bestor

Mina M. Edison

W. U. Tel. Co.
7/31/15
10:45 am

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Title

[F5F03CA], Letter from Harry Frederick Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 14th, 1915

Author

Miller, Harry Frederick

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date

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Mrs Edison

^{check & letter}
Please sign and
I will get the bonds today.

H. F. Miller

9/14/15